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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Please consider the following in response to the Office Action mailed on January 8, 2008. (Original) This response is being filed within the one month period for reply (to and including February 8, 2008), so no extension of time is believed to be due. However, if an extension is necessary, Applicants request that the Commissioner provide such extension and deduct any associated fees from Deposit Account 13-0014. (Original)

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